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MAURICE S. HAMMOND
PRINCIPAL

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The American Numismatic Society
156th and Broadway
New York City

Gentlemen,

Mrs. Nellie T. Ross-director of the Mint-at Washington suggested I write you concerning the proper way to exhibit the set of Presidential Medals which has been presented to our school.

The medals are very delightful, educational and their beauty will depend upon the way they are exhibited. I'll appreciate any suggestions which you may have.

Very truly yours,

Maurice S. Hammond

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MSH:LS

May 5, 1934.

Mr. Maurice S. Hammond
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Van Hornesville, New York.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your query on how to exhibit medals would say that wherever possible we try to show them in flat cases, as less work and trouble is involved. We use a case the back board of which is slightly tilted - not enough to make the medal slip. The lining of this board is a rough black felt, as we find black is the most satisfactory color for the displaying of coins and medals in various metals. When it is impossible to show them in flat cases, we place them in wall cases. This may be done by tipping the back board slightly and arranging them in rows on small strips of wood so that they can be kept in place. If the board is absolutely perpendicular it is necessary to fasten the medals. This we do by three small brass nails, two at the bottom and one at the top, the head of which just clamps over the medal. Extreme care must of course be used in driving these nails in so as not to injure the medal. We also use for this a small brass L-shaped hook, after cutting off most of the bent part of the hook so that it does not cover up the medal too much. In all these methods of course only one side of the medal can be shown. This is obviated by having a duplicate set.

Another method so as to show both sides of a medal is a swinging case fastened to a pillar or a wall or some other support with glass on each side. The mount used is perforated with holes the exact size of the medals which are placed therein and the glass on each side fitted close to the thickest medal. This is a rather elaborate and expensive method.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator